MR. CHAIRMAN: Second Supplementary then.

SHRI G. G. SWELL: You know that inflation is going on and yet the standard of monetary assistance is restricted to Rs. 10,000 per family. While the inflation has gone up, what is the logic of maintaining the same amount?

डा. अबरार अहमद : मैं माननीय सदस्य को बतलाना चाहूंगा कि रेट आफ इंटरेस्ट . . . . (व्यवधान)

SHRI M. D. SALIM: Mr. Chairman, Sir, we want a half-an-hour discussion on this question which pertains to unemployment and unemployed youth.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please give a notice.

SHRI MD. SALIM: Thank you, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Promoting Dish-Antenna sales on Doordarshan

*105. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked dish-antenna manufacturers to slash prices of their products in return for promoting dish-antenna sales on Doordarshan free of cost; and

(b) if so, what has been the response of the manufacturers thereto alongwith Government's policy in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Seizure of Marijuana in Nagaland

*106. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will he Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether contraband marijuana weighing over 10,000 kg. worth Rs. 1000 crores and 850 gm. of heroin had been seized in May last in Nagaland;

(b) if so, what are the details of the persons apprehended and whether any smugglers gang has been unearthed in connection therewith indicatig their modus operandi; and

(c) what effective steps have been and are being taken in the light thereof to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) 11202 kgs. of Ganja (Marijuana) was seized in four cases in Nagaland during February, 1993 (not May, 1993). No precise valuation of narcotics, often of indeterminate purity and liable for destruction is feasible. Also, in March, 1993 (not May, 1993) 850 Gms. of heroin was seized in one case on Nagaland.

In the first case in which 222 Kgs. of ganja was seized on 19-2-93, two persons belonging to Manipur were arrested. The seized ganja was being carried packed in gunny bags in an Ambassador car.